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GANG SHOW COMES OF AGE

Ralph Reader & Co still riding along on the crest of a wave

It will be a thrilling moment for the younger generation when the curtain goes up on the coming-of-age of the Gang Show next Monday at the Golders Green Hippodrome, London. And it will be no less thrilling for the cast, particularly for those who played in the original production 21 years ago; there will be at least 20 of these "founder-members," and eight of them will have their sons appearing with them in the show.

The Gang Show developed out of that Scout standby for raising funds, the troop concert.

In 1931 the concert put on by the Holborn Rovers attracted particular attention. It was not really surprising that the performance should have been so much above the level of the average troop concert, because one of the members of the company happened to be a professional stage actor and producer—Ralph Reader.

The outcome was a visit from the chief officials at Scout headquarters. Mr. Colman, the mustard manufacturer, had presented the Boy Scouts Association with a large camping ground at Downe. Could Ralph Reader, they wanted to know, put on a show on a West End scale at a proper theatre and raise funds to build a swimming pool at Downe?

Could he? Ralph Reader wasted no time. He went to work at once. The Scala Theatre was booked for three nights, and, though his own Holborn Rovers remained the nucleus of the performance, talent was called in from Middlesex troops to bring the total cast up to 150.



Ralph Reader

The show went into rehearsal, but nobody could think of a satisfactory title. The company suggested ideas that were puns on the name of the camp site, such as Up and Downe, or Downe to Piccadilly, but they were not happy about them.

Ralph Reader was in the middle of a rehearsal when the message came that he was wanted urgently on the telephone.

"Ten minutes break for coffee, chaps," he announced, and went to answer the call.

It was the printers. They had to know the title of the show that night, or they would not be able to get the posters out in time, they declared.

Ralph promised to ring back without fail. He would have to take a vote on Up and Downe or Downe to Piccadilly, he decided.

The call-boy was rounding up the company from their break.

"Everybody back?" Ralph asked him.

"Ay, ay, skipper," the call-boy answered. "The gang's all here."

"What did you say?" asked Ralph. "The gang's all here? Why, that's it!"

OPENING NIGHT

And so in 1932, "The Gang's All Here" became the title of that first show.

The opening night was not encouraging. The house was two-thirds empty. Those who saw the show liked it, however, and passed the word around, so that the last night was sufficiently well attended for Scout Headquarters to book the theatre for the following year for a week.

This time the people started to crowd in, and by 1934 the third Gang Show was to take the stage with all seats sold out a month beforehand.

In 1937 the Gang Show appeared at the Royal Command performance, the first time any amateurs had received such an honour.

OBSERVING THE RULES

Although they are amateurs, Ralph Reader expects from his company the strict observance of professional stage custom.

One taboo of the professional theatre is that an artist taking part in the show must not appear in front of the house. It is the same with the Gang Show.

"You must stay back-stage," has always been Ralph Reader's rule. "You must put off greeting your friends and relatives until after the show is finished."

It was not relatives, however, but the news that new photographs of the company had been put up in the foyer that induced a bunch of six young cockney Scouts, who called themselves the Urchins, to break this rule.

While they were round the front looking at the photographs, they

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All aboard!

This old steamroller has been installed by the London County Council at Cumberland Market Gardens, St. Pancras, as an outside toy for children.



THE GREAT PLATYPUS MYSTERY

As the CN reported, Penelope the platypus at the New York Zoo has been expected to become a mother—the first platypus mother in captivity.

She retired into an earthbank tunnel during the summer, and there, it was supposed, she would hatch out her babies.

Since July, New York animal-lovers have been waiting patiently. Penelope has been given special delicacies, and eucalyptus leaves which, in the best duckbill circles, are used for lining a nest. She has also been given complete quiet and seclusion.

She was expected to lead out her new family after four months of this retirement; but the months passed by and no babies appeared, so Zoo officials recently dug into her tunnel. Penelope was quite alone.

She had no babies to present; she merely presented them with another mystery: she had lost weight in spite of her extra-special diet.

JOY RIDE

As the captain of a ship had agreed to take them for a short trip, an Eskimo family in the Canadian Arctic decided to visit a settlement 50 miles along the coast.

Just after the ship had put to sea, however, it received a distress signal from another ship, and hastened to the rescue. It was found that the damaged vessel could be saved and it was decided to tow her 1500 miles to Quebec.

Several months after leaving their home, the Eskimo family arrived back, having travelled 3000 miles.

FOUND IN THE ATTIC

A two-year search for a photograph is ended. To complete their records, the Imperial War Museum appealed for a photo of a 1917 fighter plane, the B.E. 12B. They received scores of photos but none of the B.E. 12B.

Then a First World War pilot, Mr. Charles Chabot of Amersham, remembered that he had once had a picture taken in front of this plane. A search through the attic revealed the print in an old album.

EAGLE TAKES A BREATH

A golden eagle rode 50 miles on a fire tender in Scotland the other day.

The vehicle was travelling from Perth when the golden eagle crash-landed on the rear mudguard and was stunned. The driver lifted it into an empty tank on the tender and continued the journey.

About 50 miles farther on, near Kingussie, he opened the tank and saw that the bird had not only recovered but looked very aggressive. He left the tank open, stood back, and watched the golden eagle soar away apparently unharmed.

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ARABIA'S NEW KING

CN Diplomatic Correspondent

ARABIA hails a new Lord of the Desert. King Saud Ibn Abdul Aziz has succeeded his much-lamented father, King Ibn Saud, the friend and ally of the West who forged a wealthy kingdom after uniting warring tribes in a bond of brotherhood.

King Saud, 52 years old, has been groomed and trained for 20 years to become the leader of his country and the ruler of seven million Saudi Arabians. And like his father he is a warrior-statesman, Commander-in-Chief of the Saudi Arabian army since 1944.

Tall, athletic, and a fine horseman, the new King proved his bravery when he was Crown Prince; and he proved it in a manner which thoroughly impressed the rugged tribesmen who are his subjects.

It was at a Feast of the Sacrifice, when his father was heading a pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina. Three assassins, furious about the no-smoking and no-drinking edicts of King Ibn Saud, leaped at him with daggers.

DEFENDING THE KING

Emir Saud, as he then was, saw what was happening an instant before anyone else in the retinue. He hurled himself on his father's attackers and held them at bay until assistance came.

The old King, much as he approved many of the ways of the West, set himself firmly against what he considered irreligious frivolities likely to undermine the morale of his people.

In the wake of the vast oil undertakings, established in co-operation with the West, and making him one of the richest men in the world, there came many Western ideas.

King Ibn Saud chose carefully. Schemes for oil pipe-lines, new roads, and engineering works he approved. Music-halls and cinemas he banned. And it was in this progressive and at the same time

puritanical tradition that the new King Saud has been reared.

Saudi Arabia's green flag with its white swords is acclaimed by the ruler's pious subjects. In the picturesque phrase of their own language, they are the "brothers of those who obey the Lord."

Their King is Keeper of the Holy Places of Mecca and Medina. He, too, can lead the simple camp



The new King of Saudi Arabia

life, as sternly and devoutly as his followers. As befits a powerful monarch, he has a truly royal palace at Riyadh, his capital in central Arabia. There he has a swimming pool, cars with uniformed chauffeurs, refrigerators in the kitchens, and a cinema projector on which he can see news and documentary films of the world beyond his borders.

He has not travelled extensively, although he has visited Britain, representing Saudi Arabia at the Silver Jubilee celebrations of King George V and the Coronation of King George VI. And his first policy declaration when he came to the throne was to urge a friendly settlement of a territorial dispute with Britain over an oasis near the Persian Gulf.

Altogether there is every justification for the belief that King Saud will be a worthy successor to the brave, shrewd, and far-seeing King Ibn Saud.

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caught sight of Ralph Reader glaring at them. Any other youngsters would probably have bolted, but not the six Urchins.

With great presence of mind they trooped right up to him, flicked over the lapels of their jackets, and announced "Press," and carried on through the theatre to the back of the stage, leaving Ralph Reader too taken aback to say a word.

The enthusiasm which the Gang Show puts into its work sometimes has unexpected results. One year there was a scene in which the company were dressed as police constables.

A real police constable was standing in the corridor by the stage door, quietly minding his own business, when the call-boy rounding up the cast, dashed up: "Quick, you're wanted!" he called.

The constable promptly hurried after the retreating figure, and to his horror found himself ending up on stage in the midst of a bunch of amateur policemen and a chorus routine that he did not know.

George Cameron, who appeared in last year's Command Perform-

ance, is one comedian whom the Gang Show set on the road to a professional career; and during the war when the Gang Show went into the R A F, Reg Dixon, Tony Hancock, and Cardew Robinson were among those who appeared in the Air Force version.

Usually, however, Ralph Reader does his best to dissuade any of the company from ideas about the professional stage.

"Stick to a regular job," he advises them, "and keep theatricals as your hobby. It's much more fun that way!"

All the music, songs, and sketches of each year's Gang Show are available, free of royalties, for use by every Scout troop throughout the world. Altogether it is estimated that the Gang Show has thus been instrumental in raising about £500,000 for Scout funds.

By far the most frequently repeated song is undoubtedly the Gang Show's own signature tune, "We're Riding Along On The Crest Of A Wave," which Ralph Reader wrote in 1934. And the Gang Show is still riding along on the crest of that wave as it now celebrates its 21st birthday.



By the CN Press Gallery Correspondent

If you thought of going into politics eventually, in what subject should you specialise? This column answers after hard reflection: Atomic energy.

No one at Westminster today is able to discuss its profusion of technicalities in simple terms. Only the other day Mr. Gerald Nabarro, M.P. for Kidderminster, complained that M.P.s have no guidance "in the proper interpretation" of many terms.

"Sometimes I have not myself," replied Mr. Duncan Sandys, the Minister of Supply.

The very next reply underlined the difficulty. It read: "Research work... has revealed that the properties of certain plastics, in particular Polythene, Polystyrene, and Neoprene, are improved by irradiation in a nuclear reactor."

At least three members of the House of Lords have ancestral associations with the first Queen Elizabeth. The chief, of course, is the Marquess of Salisbury, descended from the Lord Burghley who was the great Queen's Lord Treasurer.

The second is Lord Rothes. He had an ancestor who served Mary, Queen of Scots. He accompanied her to France when she travelled there to marry the Dauphin.

Thirdly, there is Lord St. Aldwyn. An ancestor of his, Sir Michael Hicks, was Secretary of State to Lord Burghley.

At almost the same time two distinguished public men uttered almost the same sentiment. Earl Fowitt, a former Lord Chancellor, said this in the Lords:

"It seemed to me that in his speech the noble Earl happily steered between the difficulties of platitude on the one hand and controversy on the other."

The other speaker was Sir Winston Churchill at the Lord Mayor's banquet:

"All speeches by responsible people on foreign affairs have to tread the narrow path between platitude and indiscretion."

JUST over a year ago Viscount Woolton underwent a series of seven operations.

This gives a good deal of point to his recent remark in the Lords: "It is said that some of us who come from Manchester have fairly good constitutions." Lord Woolton is 70.

RESPECT: I have always had a very healthy respect for money. I find it a most inconvenient thing to be without.—Mr. Stanley Evans, M.P.

SUSPECT. I know a good deal about what happens to a Minister of Agriculture who produces new policies... In my case the farmers made a bonfire, stuffed a good suit of clothes with straw and put it on the bonfire.—Rt. Hon. Walter Elliot.

News from Everywhere

SWEET TOOTH

Since de-rationing, British people have become the world's greatest sweet-eaters. On an average, everyone eats 7½ ounces per week.

Three carrots grown by Mr. A. Page, of Glaisdale, North Yorkshire, together weighed nearly 11 lbs.

Since the war, over £1,000,000 has been spent by the LCC on books for London schools.

A library bearing the name of Pope Pius XII is to be built at St. Louis University, Missouri. Scholars will there be able to study microfilms of priceless ancient manuscripts in the Vatican Library in Rome.

SHAKESPEARE ABROAD

There were 60 different productions of Shakespeare plays in the Soviet Union during the first half of this year. Romeo and Juliet and Much Ado About Nothing were the most popular.

Fourteen window cleaners work all the year round at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Twelve-year-old Derek Crossland, of Holmfirth, Yorkshire, has won 68 prizes as a pigeon-fancier during the past twelve months.

Over 700 footballs have been sent by NAAFI to British troops in Korea.

It is estimated that by the end of year 2000 the world's population will be some 4,000,000,000. The present total is about 2,500,000,000.

George Washington's uniform, one of America's most-prized museum pieces, is to be cleaned for the first time in 170 years.

A helicopter service for housewives is to be provided at a new shopping centre in New York.

LOOK OUT!

The coastguard's look-out station at Cromer is to be moved because of cliff erosion.

Italian scientists using underwater cameras have obtained a picture of a live coelacanth, the world's oldest fish.

Britain's first new civil airport since the war is now being built by Silver City Airways at Lydd, near Dungeness, Kent.

A 32-year-old man of Genoa, Stefano Varni, has just given his 670th blood donation. Altogether, he has given 110 pints of blood.

JELLYFISH INVASION

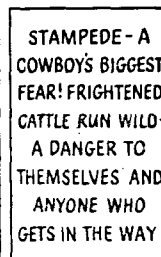
Scalloway Bay, in the Shetland Islands, has been invaded by thousands of jellyfish. They were driven in by south-westerly gales and lay in heaps along the shore.

A fortnight's festival of British Music is to be held in New York next month.



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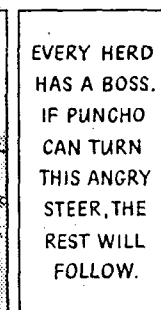
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AS THE LEADER RUSHES BY, PUNCHO JUMPS



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EXERTING ALL HIS STRENGTH HE TURNS THE LEADER BACK.



THANKS - I GET OFF HERE!



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SAYS PUNCHO

CN picture-map and time-table of the Royal Tour

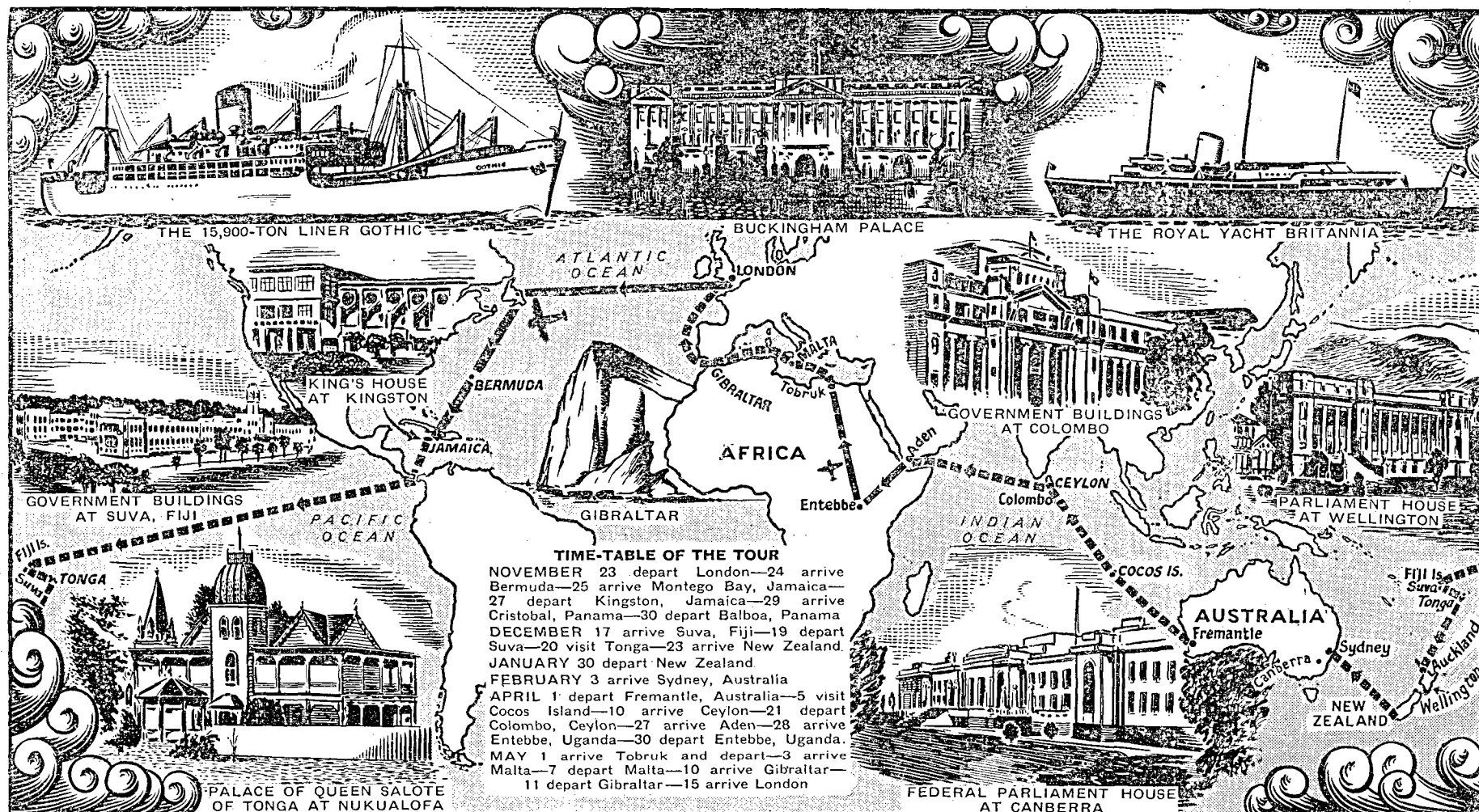


THE line from London to Jamaica shows the route taken by the Stratocruiser in which the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have begun their Commonwealth tour.

After a refuelling halt at Gander Airport, Newfoundland, the plane called at Bermuda for a brief visit, and is due to arrive at Jamaica this Wednesday morning. The Royal party will stay at King's House, Kingston, for the three-day visit, and will then board the Gothic, the liner's course on the outward and homeward journeys, as far as Aden, being indicated by the dotted line.

At Aden the Queen and the Duke will leave the Gothic and fly via Entebbe as far as Tobruk, where they will join the Royal Yacht Britannia for the last stage of the tour. The yacht, making her maiden voyage, will pass through the Mediterranean, up the English Channel, and into the Thames, arriving in London on May 15.

Cut out and keep this map to follow the Queen's tour round the world. Other maps showing the details of her journeys in New Zealand and Australia will be given in the Children's Newspaper in due course.



THIS WEEK BERMUDA AND JAMAICA HAVE WELCOMED THE ROYAL VISITORS

THIS is an historic week for two British islands in the North Atlantic. For the first time Bermuda and Jamaica have welcomed their Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

They did not fly there direct, however. Because of the strong westerly headwinds over the Atlantic, their Stratocruiser flew first to Gander in Newfoundland and then south to Bermuda, which the Royal party reached, after a flight of 19 hours.

NOVEMBER CONTRASTS

What a contrast! From November London to land that knows no frost!

As their Stratocruiser came down to land in Bermuda the Royal visitors saw a coral island of only 21 square miles, including two square miles reclaimed by the Americans during the war, spread below them.

They saw the wide and impressive reefs which stretch far beyond the visible land, and the tortuous shipping channel winding like a

green thread between the ink black blobs of coral. They saw the magnificent white and pink beaches for which Bermuda is famed. First colonised by the British in 1609, Bermuda is the most northerly coral island in the world.

Having landed at Kindley airfield, at the east end of the island, they motored to Hamilton, the capital, where they spent their brief stay in Bermuda.

On the drive they saw the devastation caused by the minute scale insect which has attacked and almost wiped out Bermuda's famous "cedar," which is really a juniper.

The island's income comes chiefly from tourists, mostly Americans, and lily buds and bulbs are also exported to North America.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were guests of the Governor and his wife, Sir Alexander and Lady Hood, at Government House. There they met the leading people of Bermuda in a

great garden party, followed by a dinner. Then, early in the morning of November 25, after sleeping aboard their plane at Kindley airfield, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh set off for Jamaica.

LOFTY, high-peaked, tree-covered Jamaica, largest and most valuable island of the British West Indies, has an area of 4411 square miles, more than 200 times that of Bermuda.

MOUNTAIN RIDGES

Ridge after ridge rises towards the central range, the Blue Mountains, which is over 7000 feet in height, and many rivers tumble to the sea.

Near the Jamaican coast the dark tree foliage which covers the crests is interrupted by the light green of sugar and citrus plantations, and, in the dry season, the yellow stretches of savannah where horses are raised.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh land at Montego Bay, a famous tourist resort in the north-west of the island, and set

off on an interesting motor drive lasting seven hours.

It will take them first of all beside the northern shore (there will be time for a bathe and a picnic lunch), then up through the cattle country, where they will note the peculiar breeds of cattle evolved for tropical Jamaica by crossing English or Dutch dairy or beef breeds with the humped zebu cattle of India.

Then they cross the mountains by way of a dark, beautiful pass well named Ferny Gully, and down through the irrigated, hot citrus-growing areas to picturesque Spanish Town, where some architecture survives from the 150 years' rule of the Spaniards between 1509 and 1655, when Cromwellian troops captured the island for Britain.

Next they drive along the level road from Spanish Town to the outskirts of Kingston, the capital, where they will reside in King's House, the home of the Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief, Sir Hugh Mackintosh Foot.

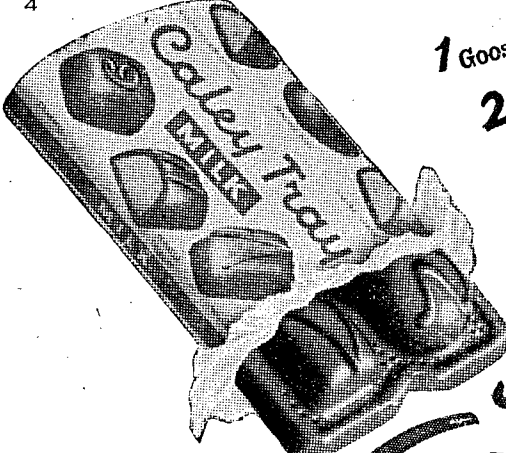
Jamaica has a special interest for the Duke of Edinburgh, for many naval actions were fought in these waters, and there are many relics of Nelson and other great British commanders. Sir Hugh Foot is fascinated by local history, and his accounts of the old days of slavery and piracy, of yellow fever and life on the old plantations, will doubtless enliven the Royal visit.

NEW PARK TO OPEN

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are spending three days in Jamaica, and their many engagements include the opening of a new park (planted with trees, in memory of King George VI, who visited here as Duke of York) and a magnificent evening reception in the ballroom of Government House.


Then, on November 27, they go aboard the Royal Barge and out through Kingston's colourful harbour to the Gothic, which will take them through the Panama Canal and across the Pacific—Southward Ho!

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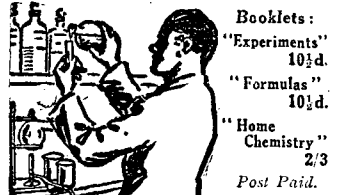
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SKYSCRAPER TOWN

SOME London children will go to school by lift if plans to build a skyscraper town in Paddington are adopted. They will also play safely in screened gardens high above the city's smoke pall, and pause to see the rest of London spread out below them like a map.

The architect of the plan, Sergei Kadleigh, proposes that the town should rise to a height of 400 feet astride the extensive goods yard of Paddington Station. Trains would run underneath the vast structure, which would rest on a broad base called a podium.

The object is to give people homes without increasing the monstrous size of London by a single acre.

SELF-CONTAINED

High Paddington would consist of three blocks of buildings round a great central court 570 feet wide. It would house 8000 people, and have its own church, shops, banks, town hall, and hospital.

On the roof of this skyscraper town, about 500 feet above sea level, children could have open-air lessons in safety above London's smoky pall.

They would go to school and church, play their games, and go shopping always in complete safety, away from all road traffic. Without ever leaving their town within a town, young people could go to the cinema, indoor swimming baths, or clubrooms.

The High Paddington project has the enthusiastic support of South Paddington's M.P., Mr. R. A. Allan, who is chairman of the committee formed to examine the technical problems involved in such a revolutionary plan.

UNDERGROUND GAS

Large quantities of natural gas which could be used to supplement artificially produced gas, are known to be underground in Britain. Now the Gas Council is to embark on a scheme to find where the largest deposits lie.

Natural gas has, in fact, been long in use at Heathfield, Sussex. More than 50 years ago a workman was digging a well at Heathfield Station when he noticed a curious smell. Lighting a match, he threw it into the well to see what was there—and the whole well burst into flames.

Investigations revealed that the workman had tapped an apparently inexhaustible supply of methane or "marsh gas." Until a few years ago this natural gas was used to illuminate the station and nearby houses.

TUCK IN HERE

The boys of Ashmead School, Reading, have built themselves a new tuckshop.

The headmaster, Mr. G. A. Winterton, said: "Over the last year the old tuckshop turnover was £800. With the new shop we hope to double our sales."

Out of the profits the boys have bought a French horn and an oboe for the school orchestra, and some ropes for the boxing ring.

Before long the boys hope to build their own swimming bath.

LOCOMOTIVE AT FULL SPEED WITHOUT MOVING

By Ernest Thomson, our Radio and Television Correspondent

AN express locomotive running at 130 m.p.h. without moving an inch can be seen on Thursday and Friday, when three TV cameras are installed at the Rugby locomotive testing station of British Railways.

On this giant test bench, one of only four in the world, the Pacific class engine Western Star will be seen running on rollers.

A crane-slung TV camera alongside will show the driving wheels and valve gear working at full speed. A second camera will be set up in the glass-panelled control room overlooking the test plant, and a third on the locomotive footplate.

Friday's broadcast will be specially for Children's TV. Besides seeing Western Star steaming at full speed, young viewers will be taken into the engine cab to meet the driver and have the various controls explained.

Aboard the Gothic

GODFREY TALBOT has the most coveted job in the B.B.C. He is sailing in the liner Gothic to give listeners eye-witness accounts of the Royal journey from Jamaica to New Zealand and Australia. "It will be like Coronation Day every day for six months!" Godfrey Talbot told me just before he started.

The broadcasts from the Gothic will be heard on the Home Service at dinner-time on Sundays, beginning on November 29.

18th-century storm

ONE of the worst storms ever to rage over England took place in 1703. At 7.45 p.m. on Friday the Home Service will tell the story on the 250th anniversary of the actual night it started.

It raged for 48 hours, drowning thousands of people and doing £2,000,000 of damage in London alone. The Eddystone lighthouse was destroyed, twelve men-of-war sank within sight of shore, and many ships were driven across the

TV Nature Quiz for Scouts and Guides

ANIMAL observation tests in the Scouts' Storm Hut at Gilwell Park, Essex, should make exciting

North Sea to founder on the coasts of Holland.

Peter Duval-Smith, who presents the feature, has drawn information from newspapers and documents of the time, along with people's letters and diaries.

How puppets are made

A NEW puppet theatre is being built for TV, and this Thursday a model will be shown by its designer, Sam Williams, creator of Rag, Tag, and Bobtail, Porterhouse, and other members of the Puppet Family.

TV cameras have been hampered by the normal puppet



Rag, Tag, and Bobtail, three puppets in Watch With Mother

theatre, which has an overhead "bridge" from which the manipulators work. In the new design the bridge will be differently placed for better lighting and improved camera angles.

On Thursday viewers will be taken into the workshop to see puppets being made. Helping Sam Williams will be Elizabeth Williams (no relation), whose delightful models of the Queens of England were shown in Children's TV not long before the Coronation.

What do you think?

FEELINGS will run high in Thrash It Out, the school debate in Children's Hour on Saturday. Mixed teams from the Boys' and Girls' High Schools at Cardiff will argue the point: That All Schools Should be Boarding Schools.



George Cansdale with a bush baby

various creatures, challenging Scouts and Guides to deduce each animal's mode of life in the wilds from the way it moves around.

As nature study is part of a Scout's training, George Cansdale expects some fierce questioning, especially as some of the animals he will display are little-known in this country.

The 40th Chingford Group is made up of land, sea, and air Scouts.

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The Deans Move In, by Kathleen Fidler (Lutterworth Press, 6s.)

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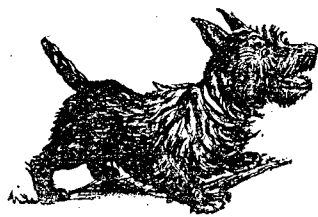
IT'S THAT BOY AGAIN

Jennings' Diary, by Anthony Buckeridge (Collins, 6s.)

AN old friend and B B C favourite is up to his tricks once more. Jennings decided to keep his journal in a code which consisted simply of spelling words backwards. Unluckily, he was spotted writing an entry in class and ordered to read aloud: Selbanev sewo em eno popillol (Venables owes me one lollipop)—which Venables, amid the uproar, instantly denied.

The master, perceiving the secret of the code, was able to translate another entry: Retsim Snikliw—gnissim knil (Mister Wilkins—missing link). This only related to a cuff-link the master had lost, but the master chose to take it that Jennings referred to him as a sub-human anthropoid monster!

A feast of similar fun and excitement for all Jennings fans!



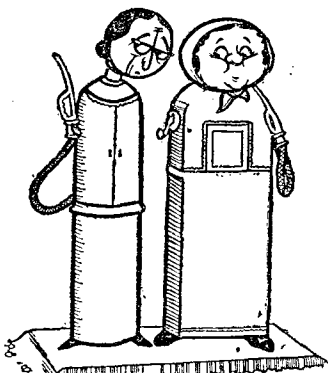
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RIVAL PERFORMERS

The Barnstormers, by M. E. Atkinson (The Bodley Head, 9s. 6d.)

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Unluckily, there was a feud among the young actors, and this resulted in two troupes being formed. One of them had the idea of taking the play on tour in a horse-drawn caravan, and surprising adventures befell them and their rivals.



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GREAT MAN OF PEACE

THE award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Dr. Albert Schweitzer has won universal approval. He is one of the greatest men of our time, and, characteristically, he will use the money in extending the work of his famous hospital at Lambaréné, in Equatorial Africa.

Forty years ago Albert Schweitzer was famous as musician, philosopher, and theologian. Then he gave up a brilliant career and went to Africa as a medical missionary because he fervently believed that the people there needed him most.

Many people in Europe thought Albert Schweitzer was making a tragic mistake, that he would be wasting his brilliant gifts in an uncivilised land. He soon proved them to be wrong.

By devoting his life to the needy people of Africa, Schweitzer has enriched all humanity. He took great gifts to Africa, and the dividend of inspiration and courage for ordinary people has been beyond price.

He himself has stated his belief that he won the Nobel Peace Prize because he awakened the modern world to respect for human life.

There can be none who will dispute that view.

Volunteers wanted for the Arctic

THE Bishop of the Arctic is asking for volunteers to go back with him to the vast diocese of Canada's north over which he presides.

Dr. Donald Marsh has been bishop since 1950 of this territory, which is covered with ice and snow for eight months of the year. He is a Canadian, but he believes that the old pioneering spirit in Britain is still alive, and that he will not appeal in vain.

They must be physically tough, for long journeys by dog sled have still to be undertaken in winter time. They must be mechanically-minded and ready to use an aeroplane.

Above all they must have a love for simple people living a hard, primitive life. Dr. Marsh offers an adventurous life and a happy one to his volunteers from Britain.

THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 26 is Thanksgiving Day in the United States.

A great social and religious festival which is a legacy from the Puritans, it is always celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November as an occasion for special prayer and thanksgiving for the blessings of the whole year.

Proclamations are read in all churches, and widely scattered families meet together and have a meal of roast turkey, plum pudding, and mince pies, followed by a party.

Though perhaps not so widely observed as of yore, it will long be cherished as a peculiarly American festival.

JUST AN IDEA

As Sir Philip Sidney wrote: The truly valiant dare everything but doing anybody an injury.

Under the Editor's Table

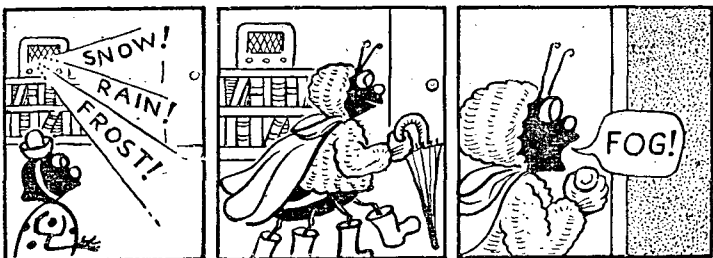
Many sounds humans miss are picked up by dogs. That may be why humans miss them.

The modern schoolboy is said to be bad at English. It is Greek to him.

New cars have a high performance. But not so high as new aeroplanes.

Houses should not be covered by creeper, says a builder. Only by insurance.

BILLY BEETLE



PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
KNOW

If photographers
can take a joke



A foreigner in England thinks the man in the street is cold. He certainly is in an east wind.

Many new houses have a garden over 100 feet long. Many old ones have only a yard!

The Editor's Table

TOGETHER

WHEN the King and Queen of Greece called on Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt during their visit to the United States they were taken to see the late President's burial place in the grounds of his home at Hyde Park.

The royal couple seemed surprised at seeing a tiny headstone close to the President's grave.

John Roosevelt, son of President Roosevelt, stepped forward to explain. "This is Fala," he said. "You remember Fala?"

The royal couple nodded. Fala was President Roosevelt's little dog.

Greetings and good turns

CHILDREN'S games in many lands are pictured on delightful Christmas cards issued by Unicef.

A box of 10 cards costs only 7s. 6d.; and each gives the buyer the satisfaction of knowing that he has helped to provide powdered milk for nine children for a week, or vaccine to immunise 24 children against TB.

Obtainable from Unicef Greeting Card Fund, 39 Kingsway, London, W.C.2, they are at once a salute to a friend and a helping hand to those in need.

Lucky lads on the Royal Liner



These smiling young sailors were chosen from two training schools to join the crew of the Royal liner Gothic, and are shortly to sail southward across the Pacific.

Breakfast in bed

A 14-YEAR-OLD Yorkshire Scout has won his cookery badge in a most unusual way. He did it by using a fire in an upturned dustbin lid while in a hospital bed.

Terry Smith was injured at football and had to lie on his back, able to move only his head and arms. Courageously he resolved to continue his Scouting, and he joined the troop composed of other young patients at Thorpe Arch Orthopaedic Hospital near Boston Spa in Yorkshire.

His bed was in the open, and over his dustbin lid fire he fried his bacon, egg, and bread. Afterwards he ate the meal himself—one of the best proofs of a good cook!

Terry has since obtained his Second Class badge, and his former Scoutmaster at Horsforth says: "Well done, Terry. Next stop First Class badge—it can be done!"

We may be sure it will.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, December 1, 1923

A MEMBER of the Rothschild family, who for many years made a hobby of the collection of all kinds of fleas, has lately died.

This millionaire spent many years in studying fleas, and tried to get specimens of all of them. He even sent an expedition to the Arctic to get the flea that makes the fur of the Arctic seal its home.

Now Mr. Rothschild is dead, and he has left his collection of more than 70,000 fleas to the Natural History Museum at South Kensington.

Think on These Things

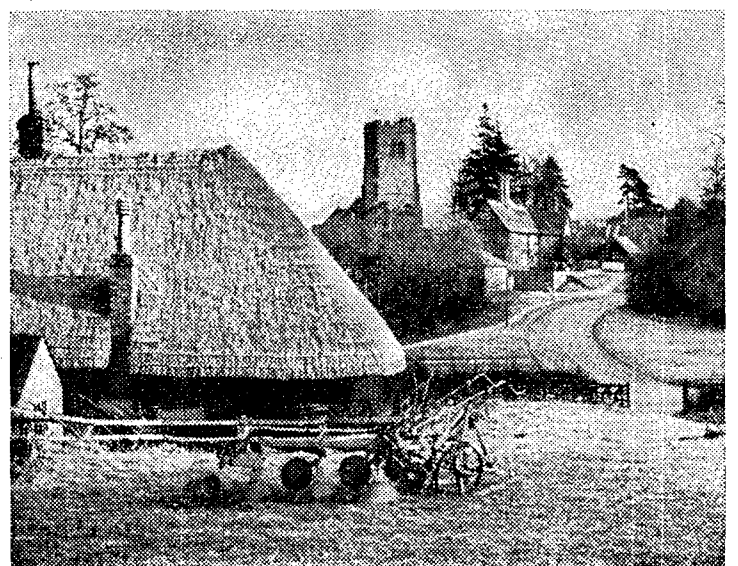
ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL (chapter 11) tells how Jesus likened a man's body to a house in which God should always dwell.

He spoke of a man haunted by evil spirits, and His message was that evil thoughts are ever awaiting a chance to influence our lives.

As any empty house invites a tenant, so the house of a man's body, if it be empty of God, is open to evil. F. P.

BOOK FRIENDS

Literature is my Utopia. Here I am not disfranchised. No barrier of the senses shuts me out from the sweet, gracious discourse of my book-friends. They talk to me without embarrassment or awkwardness. Helen Keller



OUR HOMELAND

A restful scene in the village of Husburne, near Crawley, Beds.

THEY SAY . . .

It is never hard work if you are doing something you love. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

A dog's bark of welcome is the most attractive sound in the world. Judge Tudor Rees

EVERY person who buys goods not satisfactory, and fails to complain about them, is failing in the task to get better quality standards. Miss Elaine Burton, M.P.

THERE is no luxury so shameful and so costly as hatred and revenge. Sir Winston Churchill

WHAT we at home call draught, Americans refer to as cross-ventilation. Miss Hermione Gingold

SOME people say, "What on earth is the use of risking lives to get to the top of a mountain?" We, here, can realise the purpose of reaching up to the heights and trying to overcome any difficulty, whatever it may be, and reaching the final objective. Headmaster of Repton School

DEPRESSING hospital names like The Home for Incurables should be changed. Mr. R. T. Paget, M.P.

Out and About

A ROOK was digging into a manure heap, and presently found something which it carried up high above the nearby village churchyard and then dropped on the stone-flagged path. It was a walnut, and by this means the rook was able to open up the shell.

The rook is known to be one of the most intelligent of the birds, and the other part of this tale of a walnut helps to show it.

When the nuts were ripe last month on the farmer's big walnut trees the local colony of rooks, who are particularly fond of walnuts, promptly raided them. And at least one of the rooks had thought of using the manure heap to store away a few nuts.

Rooks will also get freshwater mussels from a stream and drop them on a hard surface to break the shell. C. D. D.

HOT WORK IN THE SNAKE DEN

By Craven Hill, CN Correspondent at London Zoo

BIG winter job ahead of Mr. George Gammon, 50-year-old Zoo artist, is the repainting of the scenic background of numerous dens at the reptile house. Mr. Gammon has already made a start—on the den of two large snakes, a ten-foot reticulated python and a six-foot Indian specimen.

Although the two snakes are tame, they had to be removed, for they live in such a high temperature that the artist would have been unable to remain long in the den. So keepers moved both snakes to other quarters, and turned off the heat.

Repainting the scenery in this den will occupy Mr. Gammon for some weeks, for not only has the old background to be removed,

Angry elephant



This remarkable flashlight picture of an angry elephant was taken as it came during the night to feed off palm trees after breaking through the fence of its reserve in the Kruger National Park, South Africa.

but an entirely new scene has to be painted. It will represent a portion of a Malayan jungle.

Owing to its much larger size, the next cage to be tackled may prove even more formidable. It is the den occupied by the Zoo's biggest snakes, the pythons Goliath and Agamemnon. Both are over 20 feet long.

The pythons will not have to "move house," however, for their den can be divided in two by a metal curtain, so the artist will be able to complete his work in one half of the den while the two snakes are shut away in the other.

AN interesting new arrival in the Gardens is one of the tamest wart-hogs ever seen there. She is 12-month-old Piggy Wiggy, now on view in a compound near the giraffe house.

This wart-hog—the only one of her kind in the menagerie—has a most unusual history. Before coming to Regent's Park she was for some months the pet of a mining engineer in Nigeria, who "indulged" her in an extraordinary fashion.

She was accustomed to go for walks with her master, trotting along happily beside his dog. If, however, the dog appeared to be going too fast for her, Piggy-Wiggy would run off home—to sit in her own armchair! If anyone else dared to sit in the chair,

Piggy-Wiggy would promptly nose him out of it.

A SMALL metal ring bearing the words "Inform London Zoo," followed by the number 151, has recently arrived at the Zoo from Wales. A letter accompanying it showed that it was sent by a fisherman living at Crickieth, who stated: "We have had several dead seals on the beach in Tremadoc Bay lately and I took this ring off one of them."

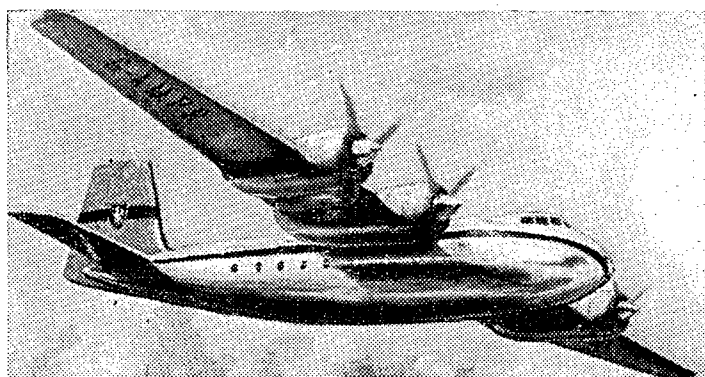
Inquiries are being made by Dr. L. Harrison Matthews, the scientific director, to discover when and where this seal was marked.

"The practice of marking seals is becoming increasingly common," a Zoo official told me. "The object, of course, is to help us to learn something of the movements of these sea-animals. And we are getting some surprising results. Only recently we had a case of a 'ringed' seal, marked in Wales, being found a fortnight later at the mouth of the River Elbe in Germany."

IT must be rare for the Zoo to exchange specimens with Kew Gardens, but a swap was recently effected when birds were exchanged for plants. The plants, rare orchids and other tropical flowers, are now blooming in the Zoo's humming-bird aviary, which is virtually a large conservatory.

In exchange, Mr. John Yealland, curator of birds, has sent to Kew three red-crested pochards, three Chilean teal, and a pair of Carolina tree-ducks, all hatched at Regent's Park earlier this year. These ornamental waterfowl are being put down on the various lakes at Kew and are expected to nest there next season.

PLANES FOR THE SPOTTER'S NOTEBOOK



49. The Handley Page Reading (HPR 3)

ONE of the latest transport aircraft on the Handley Page drawing boards at the firm's factory at Reading is a hardy maid-of-all-work designed to replace that remarkable 20-year-old workhorse of the air, the DC-3.

In evolving a suitable replacement, HP representatives made a survey of nearly every airline in the world before drafting its specification. Their project had to satisfy both large and small operators, be of low cost to build and operate, able to fly from

NEW SHRINE FOR KEMAL ATATURK

The remains of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, founder of the Turkish Republic, have been transferred from their temporary tomb in Ankara Museum to a great marble mausoleum.

Standing on Anit Kabir, a hill-top overlooking Ankara, the new mausoleum covers a site almost a mile square, and has taken ten years to build. The cost has been about £2,500,000.

The 300-yard approach to it is lined with poplars and rose gardens, and a broad esplanade with ten towers and groups of statues is a prominent feature. A group of administrative buildings is also incorporated in the structure.

A 40-ton block of marble marks the grave of Kemal Ataturk in the great hall, which is of marble and adorned with Italian mosaics.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

A special choir of 500 voices will take part in a Concert of Christmas music to be given by the London Senior Orchestra, conducted by Ernest Read, at the Royal Albert Hall on Dec. 16.

A new work called A Christmas Triad, has been written for the concert by Eric Thiman. Other items are Christmas Music from Handel's Messiah, Five Fantasies on Polish Carols by Arnold Bax, Parry's Wolcum Yule, and Christmas Song by Praetorius.

Details of reductions in prices of tickets for youth parties can be obtained from Mr. C. D. Bartlett, 30 Goldsmith Ave., London, W.3.

PETS IN THE PEWS

At an Animal Sunday service held in Northwood church, Isle of Wight, dogs, cats, tame rabbits, tortoises, and goldfish were among the "congregation."

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MISSION SHIP'S ALASKAN CRUISE

Safely back in Seattle Harbour after her autumn cruise along the coasts of Alaska is the ex-mine-sweeper Willis Shank, the ship of the Marine Medical Mission. Every year she carries supplies along the coasts before the ice makes navigation impossible.

The Willis Shank is 136 feet long and shallow enough to sail among the islands that festoon the southern Alaskan coast.

On this latest trip Captain and Mrs. Stabbert took their four-year-old boy, Dickie. When on board the boy always wears his orange-coloured life-jacket, as he has been known to fall overboard three times in one day!

FROM REMOTE SCHOOLS

The ship brought back from the Alaskan coast groups of students who had spent their holidays teaching schoolchildren in remote places.

Each student is a good baseball player, and gets to know the children on the playing fields first. Before the frost begins in Alaska there are plenty of open spaces in the forests on which to organise games.

On some of the islands there are permanent schoolhouses which have to be stocked with food for the winter. Children come in from remote lumber camps to board at the schools for the winter months.

PARADE FOR DENTIST

The ship always carries a dentist for the Indian villages of the Klakwalas people. Each village of shacks has its hereditary chief, and the people line the street to receive the attention of the dentist.

The ship's nurse sees to the children's ailments, and each young patient is given a toy. Every night the ship's chapel was crowded with Indians to see films.

The Willis Shank was formerly used as minesweeper in the Pacific, and was purchased for the Marine Mission after the war.

Sporting Flashbacks

IT IS ALMOST 81 YEARS TO THE DAY SINCE THE VERY FIRST INTERNATIONAL SOCCER MATCH WAS PLAYED... SCOTLAND V. ENGLAND (ON A GLASGOW CRICKET GROUND)—NOVEMBER 30, 1872

...THE RESULT WAS 0-0, STILL THE ONLY GOALLESS DRAW IN THE LONG SERIES OF CONTESTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE PLAYERS OF 1872... SOME OF WHOM HAD BEARDS, WORE KNICKERBOCKERS BUCKLED BELOW THEIR KNEES AND ORDINARY BOOTS OR SHOES.

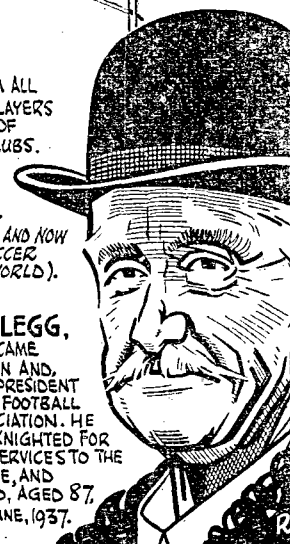
THE GOALS HAD NO NETS AND WERE INDICATED BY SLENDER POLES HELD IN POSITION BY GUY ROPES. CROSSBARS HAD STILL TO COME, TAPES SERVING THE PURPOSE FOR SOME YEARS.



ON ENGLAND'S TEAM ALL SAVE TWO OF THE PLAYERS WERE MEMBERS OF SOUTH COUNTRY CLUBS.

ONE OF THESE TWO CAME FROM SHEFFIELD F.C. (FORMED IN 1855 AND NOW THE OLDEST SOCCER CLUB IN THE WORLD).

HE WAS J.C. CLEGG, WHO BECAME CHAIRMAN AND, LATER, PRESIDENT OF THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION. HE WAS KNIGHTED FOR HIS SERVICES TO THE GAME, AND DIED, AGED 87, IN JUNE, 1937.



BATHOEN OF BECHUANALAND HAS A JUBILEE

In 1916 the ruler of the Bangwaketse Tribe in the Bechuanaland Protectorate was assassinated. He left two sons, eight-year-old Bathoen and his younger brother, Mookami, and during the next 12 years five regents followed in succession while the young heir to the chieftainship continued his education.

In 1928 young Bathoen was proclaimed Paramount Chief of his tribe; and this year they are rejoicing in the completion of the first 25 years of his rule.

Three days of celebrations marked the occasion in Kanye, the tribal centre, and there was a great gathering to pay tribute to the Chief.

The British Government was represented by the Resident Commissioner for Bechuanaland Protectorate, and he and all the other speakers, African and European, paid tribute to the high ideals of public service which Chief Bathoen II has upheld throughout his rule.

It has been attended by progress in the tribe. New schools have been built, a fine reservoir has been erected by the Chief to the

memory of his father, and a splendid public hall to the memory of King George V. These buildings, as well as the Bathoen Dam which irrigates an extensive vegetable scheme, all reflect the Chief's concern for the welfare of his people.

But Bathoen's interests have extended beyond the borders of his own territory. His intimate knowledge of his own people, combined with good judgment, makes him a counsellor whose advice is often sought by the British Government, under whose protection he rules.

The great moment of Chief Bathoen's celebration was when a magnificent Chevrolet Saloon Car was brought slowly to a stand-

still before the platform. This was the tribe's gift, bought by public subscription and presented to the Chief by the wife of his brother Mookami.

A regiment of old men (his father's contemporaries) advanced to perform a traditional tribal dance in Bathoen's honour. The women, not to be outdone, contributed their peculiar traditional dancing, and the tribal bard was ready with his hymn of praise.

The Chief and his guests, African and European, then sat down to a luncheon, and 28 oxen were cooked in great iron pots for the tribe. Children's sports, with more feasting and dancing, followed, and altogether the celebrations lasted three days.

Chief Bathoen is a Christian and a strong supporter of the tribal church founded by the London Missionary Society. Each Sunday he plays the organ presented to the church by his grandfather, and on the Sunday before these celebrations, he stepped down from the organ stool and, standing before his people, renewed his vows of service before God in a most impressive service.

OUTSIZE STICK OF ROCK

Mr. A. Crowe, chairman of a concert party at Sandown, Isle of Wight, has been presented with a stick of Blackpool rock four feet long and weighing 15 lbs.

It was presented by the British Federation of Hotel and Boarding Houses Association, which held a conference at Sandown. The rock will be eaten at a children's party.

WHAT THE GPO DOES FOR MPs

The Post Office has equipped the Members' Television Room at the House of Commons with a projection receiver giving a picture four feet by three. It operates continuously during programme times, and up to 100 Members can relax before the screen whenever their Parliamentary duties permit.

It is not only with TV that the GPO serves Members, for it also maintains a fully-equipped Post Office for their exclusive use.

This office is situated off the Inner Lobby, near the door of the House. Above it is the letter and parcel sorting office where the incoming mail is dealt with, and below it are the despatching rooms for outgoing correspondence.

SENDING ON THE MAIL

When the House is in recess practically all the incoming mail has to be redirected to the Members' homes.

Postmen collect from 22 posting points in the House, and deliver mail to the officials and residents of the building.

There is also a Members' Telephone Room with 18 cabinets. A separate postal counter and telegraph office is provided for the secretaries and the office staff. Another section is kept busy handling telegrams from the Press Gallery.

The Post Office remains open until half-an-hour after the House rises. When sittings last all night, so does the duty of the staff.

HELP FOR GUIANA

Two Colonial Office experts have been in British Guiana studying ways and means of improving the colony's drainage, irrigation, and land settlement schemes.

They have also suggested methods to increase the production of sugar cane by peasant farmers.

THE AFRICAN JOURNEYS OF MUNGO PARK—picture-story of a famous explorer (4)

Mungo Park had entered the Moorish kingdom of Ludamar to avoid a war between Negro States to the

south. He was seized by Moors and brought before their king, Ali. This sinister old man ordered a live wild hog

to be brought into the tent, and, wishing to insult Mungo, told him he could kill and eat it for his supper.



Mungo declined the pig and the Moors set it free. They thought it would charge him because they believed pigs hated Christians for eating them! But the hog knocked down everyone within reach, and rushed under Ali's couch! Mungo was taken to a hut where, later, the hog was brought and tied up. He realised that the tyrannical Moorish chief intended to keep him as a prisoner in his camp.



Next day, crowds examined him and derided him as though he were some strange animal. They were curious about his clothes, and made him constantly take off and put on again his shoes, stockings, coat, and waistcoat, to show how it was done. They pinched and prodded him, while boys teased the captive hog, hoping it would bite him—but instead it bit them! He was kept without food until the evening.



Weeks of captivity followed in which the Moors stole all his possessions. Often they forgot to give him food and water. It was terribly hot and he was reduced to drinking with the cattle. Ali's excuse for detaining him was that his wife Fatima had not yet arrived to inspect him. But Ali's young son, who was sorry for the prisoner, warned him that the chief had been persuaded to have Mungo blinded.



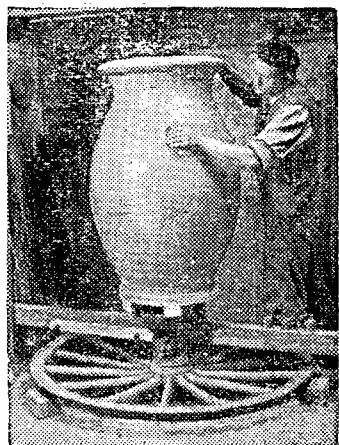
When Fatima arrived she, too, had compassion for the captive, and after inspecting him, she gave him a bowl of milk. Later Mungo heard that Ali was going to the town of Jarra on business connected with the native war. Mungo thought that if he went with Ali's party, he might have a chance of escape. When next he saw Fatima he begged her to persuade her husband to take his Christian prisoner with him.

Can Mungo hope to escape the Moors on the way to Jarra? See next week's instalment

Craftsmen in the old tradition



Spinning-wheels are still made in a Canterbury workshop, and Mr. Tom Blake is here seen working on a wheel in much the same way as craftsmen have done for 1500 years.



Mr. Peter O'Malley is a potter at Wattisfield in Suffolk, and here he is seen removing the shaping-board marks from a jar which is 42 inches high and 30 inches across.

OPERATION WHITEWASH

Some 55 tons of lime have been used this year to whitewash hundreds of farms and cottages in the beautiful Tees Valley, west of Darlington.

On the hillsides of South Durham and North Yorkshire, divided by the River Tees, these white houses are visible for many miles. They are part of the Raby Estate of Lord Barnard, whose home is at Raby Castle, and the whitewashing, which takes place every two years, recalls a picturesque legend concerning one of Lord Barnard's ancestors, the Duke of Cleveland.

According to this story, the duke called at a farm one day when he was out hunting, and asked for a drink of water. The farmer—not one of his own tenants—refused this request.

When the Duke returned to Raby Castle he issued an order that henceforth all his farms should be whitewashed so that he might know when he was among his own people.

SPECIAL MEDAL FOR YOUNG HERO

A 14-year-old Margate boy's gallant rescue of animals in the sea floods earlier this year has won him the R.S.P.C.A.'s Special Services Medal.

Richard Chadwick had the terrifying experience of seeing floodwater pouring into the basement of his home and rising rapidly to the level of the kitchen dresser.

First he dived to the rescue of the family's cat, then he swam outside to where the dog was clinging to its kennel and took it upstairs to join the cat. Next he swam into a neighbouring garden and brought a number of hens to safety.

Well and truly does Richard deserve his special medal!

SUPER-SENSITIVE

A new heat detector, called a balometer, is said to be so sensitive that it could be influenced by the heat of a candle 25 miles away.

It is being used in scientific laboratories to measure changes in temperature as slight as one-tenth millionth of a degree.

CHANCE FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

An exhibition of children's art is to be held this Christmas at the "Q" Theatre at Kew, where Margaret Lockwood's daughter Julia will play the name part in Alice in Wonderland.

For some time past the enterprising little "Q" Theatre has had an additional interest for the connoisseur by its attractive exhibitions of modern paintings. By giving children the freedom of its walls the "Q" Theatre will contribute much to the festive season.

Children under 16 are invited to submit not more than two suitably mounted paintings. Entry forms can be obtained from the Secretary of the Children's Art Exhibition at the "Q" Theatre, Kew Bridge. Prizes will be presented for the best work.

PRIZES FOR HOBBIES

Several competitions are again being organised in connection with the National Schoolboy's Own Exhibition, which opens on December 31. There will be valuable prizes in such contests as model making and art embroidery, and also for stamp collections covering the Royal tour of the Commonwealth.

Full details can be obtained from the Competition Secretary, 52 Grafton Way, London, W.1.

Regal doll



This doll, representing the Queen at the Coronation, was made by Captain Puslowski of Chelsea. It was seen at an exhibition of dolls in a London store.

3000 TROPICAL FISH ON SHOW

The biggest tropical aquarium in London has been opened at the South Bank.

The curator, 25-year-old Eric Bowler of Parkstone, Dorset, has collected nearly 3000 fish from tropical waters all over the world.

"There are hundreds of varieties of fish in the tropics which have never been seen alive outside their native waters," he says, "and there are hundreds more as yet unlisted by science."

Rarest exhibit in the aquarium is the Pompadour Fish, which is found only in a small area of the Amazon, about 1000 miles from the river's mouth.

Also on show is the Piranha, or Tiger Fish, which is a native of the Amazon. A shoal of these fish—which are only ten inches long when full-grown—can strip the flesh from an animal caught in the river in a few minutes.

Among other specimens in the £2000 collection are Mouth-Breeders, which hatch and carry their young in their mouths, and Mudskippers, which "sun-bathe" on mud-banks.

ANTARCTIC OUTPOSTS OF AUSTRALIA

An exhibition of Antarctic photographs at the Royal Geographical Society's gallery in London illustrates Australia's interest in the Far South. It is open until December 4.

Australia maintains two permanent weather and scientific stations in the polar continent, one on Macquarie Island and the other on Heard Island.

A third is to be established on the Antarctic mainland by an expedition which will leave Melbourne next January for Princess Elizabeth Land and MacRobertson Land. A site will be chosen for the new base and ten men left there as its first residents.

These men will gather information which will prove very valuable in their homeland, for Antarctic conditions have an important effect on Australian weather.

PRETTY BILLY THOMPSON

Mrs. Alice Thompson, of York, is not afraid of losing her green budgerigar, for the bird knows his name and address. If he strays from home the budgy will cry: "Pretty Billy Thompson, Osbalwick Lane."

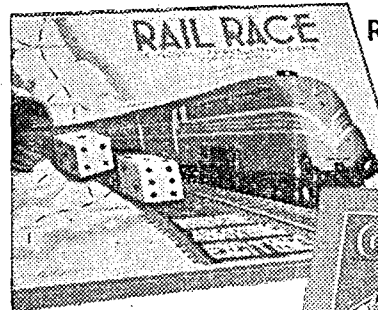
Billy can also recite nursery rhymes, his favourite being: "Half - a - pound - of - twopenny-ric. Pop goes the weasel." Now he is being taught to say: "Merry Christmas, everybody!"

SCHOOLBOYS REPAY COUNCIL

Boys of the Wombwell County Secondary School, Yorks, have recently sold three pigs at a profit of over £19.

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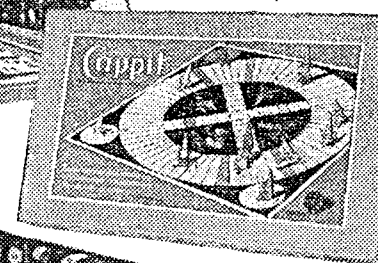
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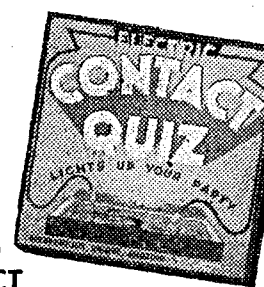
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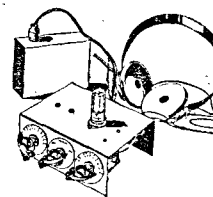
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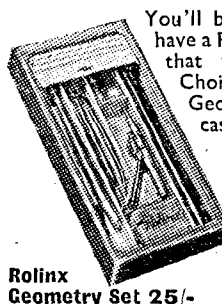


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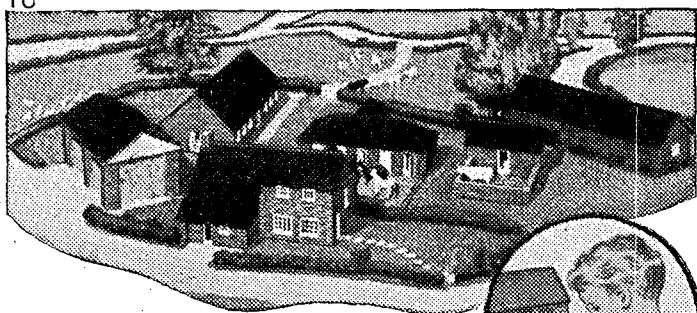
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WHERE THE BBC LISTENS TO ALL THE WORLD

OF all the many departments of the BBC, the Monitoring Service, which has its headquarters at Caversham Park, near Reading, is one of the least known.

Even the word "monitoring" is difficult to associate with radio, for the dictionary tells us that a monitor can be a senior pupil, one who admonishes, an armoured warship, or a lizard supposed to give warning of the approach of crocodiles!

Monitoring, as interpreted by the BBC, means listening, translating, recording, and passing on what the world's radio stations are saying.

Caversham, in conjunction with its sub-station at Crowsley Park, a few miles away, "brings in" broadcasts from transmitters all over the world. It picks up even the weakest signals and brings them to the monitors' headphones in strength and quality.

Why does the BBC find it necessary to know what the world's wireless waves are saying? In the first place, members of the executives staff who compile programmes for overseas services must know what the people of those countries are being told by their own and other sources of news. They must also keep abreast of overseas listeners' likes and dislikes, so that programmes may be planned accordingly.

IMPORTANT SERVICE

Caversham has also become an important source of foreign news for editors of the BBC's Home, European, and Overseas news broadcasts, as well as for Government departments, Embassies, and the Press.

In the main listening-room of the imposing building in Caversham Park are men and women of various nationalities, many of whom know several languages. They are seated at 40 receiving points.

These people are all highly-skilled monitors whose task is to listen to the world's radio and sift it for news of importance or outstanding interest.

The moment a monitor decides that something to which he or she is listening is of special interest, the turn of a switch causes a recording of the broadcast to be made on a plastic belt. The belt can then be taken to another room and transcribed at leisure.

The monitoring team as a whole often handle as many as 400 foreign news broadcasts in 30 different languages every 24 hours.

CEASELESS STREAM OF NEWS

Some of the monitors are expert transcribers of Morse signals. Others handle foreign news received by the Hellschreiber system, in which a stream of paper gives facsimile messages that only need translating into English.

Typed copies of all news items received are passed to the News Bureau, which keeps the various BBC news departments supplied with a ceaseless selection of news from foreign and Commonwealth countries.

As many as 25,000 words of "copy" may be provided in one day, but when several outstanding news stories occur together the total may reach 40,000 words.

Each monitor is allotted a daily programme of work, but he may be called on to keep a "copy-taster" supplied with what are known as "snaps" if a big news story seems to be imminent.

Such is the efficiency and flexibility of Caversham's organisation that no matter in what part of the world some momentous happening takes place, it can gear its news-gathering machinery to tap all possible sources of radio information in a matter of seconds.



A monitor removes the belt from a recorder

A visitor standing on the terrace outside the main listening-room sees some of the twelve aerials that feed the scores of super-receiving sets manned by the monitors.

These aerials are of the omnidirectional type, which means they are capable of picking up signals equally well from all directions. They are suspended from 100-foot tubular steel masts placed as far as possible from the building to minimise electrical interferences.

MILES OF AERIALS

BBC engineers have evolved an amplified aerial system which has no equal anywhere in the world. The signals are boosted close to the actual aerial wires and then conducted by interference-free screened cable to the distributing network in the main building.

But even the highly efficient Caversham aerials cannot bring in some of the weakest signals. It has to call in its sub-reception station, situated in a 250-acre deer park at Crowsley.

Here are strung out miles and miles of aerials, specially designed to capture the most feeble signals. Unlike the aerials at Caversham, the Crowsley ones are uni-directional and of two types, known as the Beverage and the Rhombic.

The former are mostly for picking up long and medium-wave sig-

nals, and consist of a single wire running out in the direction of the source of the signal required. There are twelve Beverage aerials and they vary in length from 900 feet to 3000 feet. They are not lofty, but suspended on 10-foot poles spaced at 20-yard intervals.

There is one aerial for each 20 degrees, and collectively they radiate to cover Europe, Asia, the Far East, Australia, the Middle East, North Africa, and South America.

The five Rhombic aerials are specially designed for the reception of short-wave signals.

The staff at Crowsley are engineers, not monitors, and their job is to bring in any station that Caversham calls for. They operate no fewer than 30 super-sensitive

receivers, each operator working to a carefully-prepared plan.

Not long ago the engineer in charge of shifts showed a visitor something of Crowsley's wonderful efficiency by rapidly tuning-in Australia, Damascus, Rome, Vienna, and Moscow at full strength and with perfect clarity in daylight.

On an average 12 different signals are handled simultaneously the clock round, but at peak periods as many as 22 stations have to be dealt with at the same time.

Year in and year out the aerials of Caversham and Crowsley reach upward and outward, listening intently to the radio voices from the uttermost end of the earth. No signal, however feeble, is too faint to be plucked from the ether at this important outpost of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

SHOCKING FOR NUTS

Nuts can be cracked by electric impulses or shocks. Under such treatment the shell shatters, leaving the kernel itself quite undamaged.

Electric nut-crackers now being used in the food industry are many times faster and more efficient than crushing machines. That packet of shelled nuts you bought may well have been through a shocking time!

The Children's Newspaper, November 28, 1953

GOVERNOR GLASS OF TRISTAN DA CUNHA

THE people of Tristan da Cunha have been paying tribute to the memory of the first Governor of this lonely Atlantic outpost of Britain. His name was William Glass, and his life of service to his fellow men ended on November 24 just a century ago.

Although Tristan da Cunha bears the name of the Portuguese admiral who discovered it in 1506, it has never been declared a Portuguese possession. In fact, it was not until 1643 that any human being walked the black sands of this lonely volcanic island in the South Atlantic, halfway between the Cape of Good Hope and South America.

Lonely it is indeed, for the nearest inhabited land is St. Helena, the British colony of which Tristan is a dependency—and that is 1500 miles away to the north-east.

The reluctance of any mariner to land on Tristan is easy to understand; there are cliffs of a thousand feet on most of the coast, and no harbour to give assistance on the narrow peninsula which is the only level land on the island. Whalers and sealers came, reaped a rich harvest, and went on their way.

Not until 1816 did Britain become interested in Tristan. That

was when it became a military garrison, a precaution against any attempt to rescue Napoleon from St. Helena.

In 1817 it was decided to leave Tristan, but Corporal Glass of the garrison sought and obtained permission for his wife and two stone-masons (Samuel Burnell and John Nankivel) to stay on the remote and inhospitable island.

SHARING STORES

The men entered into an agreement and shared everything left on Tristan by the Government troops, including the following stores and livestock: 1 bull, 2 cows, 13 sheep, 5 ducks, 2 lambs, 2 turkeys, 16 bags of biscuit, 13 bags of barley, 2 bags of oats, 4 casks of wheat, 60 lbs. of coffee, and 270 lbs. of sugar.

William Glass, a Scot from Kelso, soon proved himself a born leader; and it was he who organised a system of farming the fertile strip which became known as the settlement.

Castaways from the frequent wrecks began to settle on Tristan, and some married the leader's daughters during the next decade.

As the population grew houses were built of the local stone, and thatched with tussock grass. Each house in turn was enlarged as the families increased.

GREAT DAY

It was a great day for Tristan folk when their own chaplain arrived, in February, 1851. But the Revd. William Taylor nearly failed to arrive, for the island was wrapped in mist, and the captain of the ship could not locate the island for some time.

Immediately he did land he was welcomed by William Glass and given his spare room, the only spare room on the island. It was a room 16 feet by 12, and for nearly two years he used it as church and meeting-place, as well as home.

Then, on Christmas Eve, 1852, William Glass was able to hand over a converted house to the chaplain. It was the last Christmas for Glass—Governor Glass as they called him. He was already a sick man, and in the following November he died.

STRIKING CHANGES

If William Glass could visit Tristan today he would be staggered at the changes. He would see over 200 people enjoying electric light, piped water, a regular mail service; he would rejoice that some 50 or 60 children were under the wing of qualified teachers—Mr. and Mrs. Harding, who went out there in 1952, with the new chaplain, the Revd. David Neaum.

He would certainly marvel at the crawfish canning industry which now employs so many of the islanders and helps Tristan to get much-needed things, like timber and clothes from South Africa.

GIANT BELL OF PARIS

The great bell of Notre Dame, the third biggest in France, has been rung by electricity for the first time. Previously it demanded the efforts of eight men.

Named Emmanuel by King Louis XIV when it was cast in 1686, this bell weighs nearly 13 tons. Its clapper alone weighs over 1000 lbs.

Emmanuel was the only cathedral bell in Paris to remain unharmed through the French Revolution. At the Armistice in 1918 teams of French and Allied soldiers took it in turns to sound its booming tenor note, and in 1944 exultant Frenchmen rang it to give the news of liberation.

France's two bigger bells are in the Sacré Coeur in Paris, and in the cathedral of Sens.

Circus interlude.

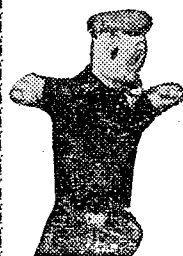


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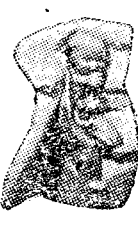
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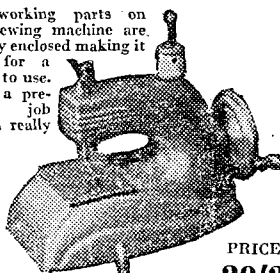
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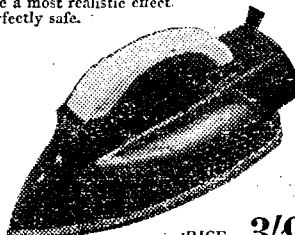
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SPORTS SHORTS

VANCOUVER'S £500,000 stadium which is being erected for the Empire Games next August is nearing completion. It will have accommodation for about 35,000 spectators.

THE late Kenneth Farnes, former Essex and England fast bowler who was killed in a flying crash during the war, played his club cricket with Gidea Park, near Romford. A fine modern type of scoreboard is being erected on the club's ground to perpetuate his memory.

LAST year, at the age of 13, Yvonne Sugden won the international trophy at the Richmond Rink, and recently, a year later, she retained the title in brilliant style. Yvonne has been skating since she was eight, and spends four hours a day on the ice.

MICHAEL BARRATT, of Ealing, is making quick progress in cross country events. Former Army three-mile champion, he was first man home in the Liddiard Trophy five-mile race, beating the previous record for the course by 17 seconds—his third record this season.

RAY DORKING, young East Ham table tennis star, has been beating a number of the recognised champions this season, as well as gaining two English junior international badges. Ray was very keen about boxing, cricket, and football, but gave them all up to concentrate on table tennis.

GIZI FARKAS, women's table tennis champion of Hungary for 13 years, has at last been defeated by a countrywoman. Her conqueror was 17-year-old Eva Koczian, predicted by many to be a future world champion.

SHIRLEY CAWLEY, Olympic Bronze Medallist, is to return to long jumping next season. This year she has concentrated on high jumping in the belief that it might help her long jumping.

ALTHOUGH David and Anthony Pollard, 20-year-old twins, were both born in Cornwall they are playing Soccer for two different counties. David plays for Cornwall this Saturday, and Anthony recently played for Devon. They qualify for Devon by studying at St. Luke's College, Exeter.

SINCE they were defeated by a German team in August 1951, Swedish athletes have not lowered their colours in international competition.

THE Union Jack from the corvette Hadley Castle, which was sunk in 1944, has been presented by one of the crew to Gravesend and Northfleet F.C. It flies on match days.

IN 1933 Arthur Rizzo swam 53 miles between Sicily and Malta, being 52 hours in the water. Now his son, Arthur, has spent 30 continuous hours in the water as part of the training to achieve what father did not—the conquest of the Channel.

Mowing made easy



A new type of mower on which a groundsman can ride while cutting and rolling the grass is here seen in use at the Hurlingham Club Ground in Fulham, London.

GORDON PIRIE, 22-year-old Surrey bank clerk, has been awarded the C. N. Jackson Memorial Cup for the outstanding athlete of the year. The A.A.A. have also awarded him the Harvey Gold Cup for the best champion of the year.

AN annual competition that is unique in Britain—and probably in the world—was completed not long ago at Galashiels, Scotland. It is a putting league, comprising 24 teams of five players who play on the town's two 18-hole putting greens.

A YOUNG hurdler who is almost certain to be an international before long is 17-year-old Charles Miller of Rochester. Charles, who is 6 feet 2 inches, is being trained by Britain's chief coach, Geoffrey Dyson.



The champion

Eddie Choong, the Malayan holder of the All-England Badminton Championship, putting in some practice.

Do you think you can run twice as fast as another person can walk? Sam Bartram, Charlton Athletic's goalkeeper, easily beat club-mate Albert Pounder when he walked 220 yards and the right winger ran 440 yards.

THERE are sufficient members of the Simpson family in the village of Whitianga, 100 miles from Auckland, N.Z., to form a Rugby team to play an annual match against the rest of the district.

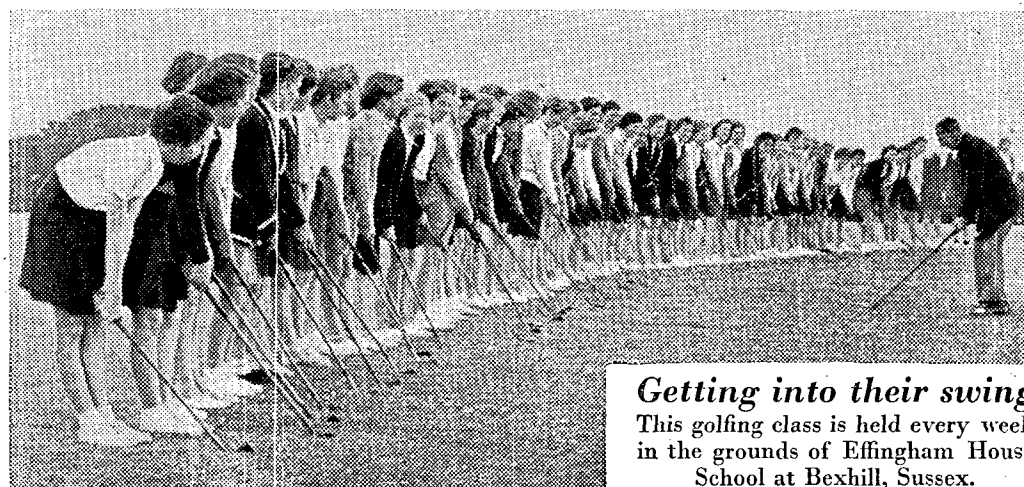
DAVE BEDWELL, the racing cyclist, signed his autograph 8000 times in one day at the Cycle and Motor-Cycle Show at Earls Court.

SHEILA LERWILL, holder of the world's high jump record, recently beat the world indoor record set up 21 years ago with a leap of 5 feet 6 inches.

ALTHOUGH he was beaten eight times in an F.A. Youth Cup tie between Derby County and Wolves, David Paul, 17-year-old Scottish schoolboy international goalkeeper, was chosen the following week for Derby County's first team.

THE Allen J. Perring Trophy, awarded by the Southern Counties A.S.A. to the year's outstanding girl swimmer, has been won by 14-year-old Susan Tolton of Worthing.

PADDY, Johnny, and Peter Callaghan of Dagenham have won five national schoolboy boxing championships since 1949. This week their mother is being presented with an inscribed barometer in recognition of the achievement.



Getting into their swing
This golfing class is held every week in the grounds of Effingham House School at Bexhill, Sussex.

The Children's Newspaper, November 28, 1953

Continuing

DANGER MOUNTAIN

by Patrick Pringle

Jack and Robin Hilton are with their parents in Switzerland. They go ski-ing with Junge, the daughter of a ski-instructor, and help to catch a thief named Otto, who is later rescued from gaol. A forged banknote is found at the hotel, and the boys suspect that a man named Ritter is involved. They go up Danger Mountain with Junge and on the way they see Ritter ski-ing down the mountain and carrying what appears to be an attaché case previously stolen.

The cow house

"Now what do we do?" asked Robin.

"We'll never catch Ritter," said Jack. "I think we'd better go on after Husky, and see where his hide-out is. Hallo," he broke off, "it's snowing."

"Make for the trees quickly," said Junge. "There's going to be a blizzard."

It seemed to get dark while she was speaking, and suddenly the snow came down as if the clouds had collapsed.

"Jack!" shouted Robin—but the wind, now whipped up to fury, carried his words away. The snow was falling so thickly now that he could not see either his brother or Junge. He tried to ski forward, and then lost his balance and fell.

Jack was down, too. He had called for Robin and, getting no answer, tried to ski to where he had last seen his brother. When he got up on his feet again he had lost his bearings completely. Then he saw a dim shape ahead.

"Robin!" he shouted.

It was not Robin, but Junge. She came round beside Jack, getting close enough for them to be able to talk.

"I've lost Robin," cried Jack.

"Stay here," Junge told him, and ski-ed away.

Robin in trouble

He saw her disappearing in the gloom, and had to force himself not to follow. It seemed that he had to stand there for an age. Then he heard her voice, from behind. He turned his head, and saw two shadowy figures.

"I was looking for you," shouted Robin perkily.

"Stand where you are, Robin," Junge told him. "Jack," she shouted, "try to come round here."

Jack stumbled forward, and with an awkward movement he pulled his skis round. Robin was now between him and Junge.

"Keep very close, and don't go fast," Junge told them. Then she pushed off, and they glided forward with her. Both Jack and Robin had several tumbles, but Junge saved Robin from the worst of it. The boys had no idea of direction, and it came as a surprise when they saw the dim shape of a tree.

More trees came into view, and they knew they were on the edge of the wood. A little farther ahead

the trees were thick enough to give them good cover.

Suddenly there was a crack, sounding through the rush of the blizzard, and Robin fell head first.

"I hit something," said Robin. "A submerged tree, I think."

"Is the ski broken?" asked Jack.

Junge nodded.

"But we are there now," she said. "Robin, you must raise this leg as we go—that's right."

They finished the last few yards, and Junge led the way into the wood. It was very dark inside, but there was no wind and little snow got through.



Jack approached the chalet cautiously.

They both helped Robin out of his skis. When he spoke his voice was cheerful, if a bit shaky.

"Do you often get this sort of weather, Junge?" he asked.

"I think the snow will stop soon," Junge replied. "But there may be more later. When it stops, you will both stay here while I go to the power station."

"The power station?" repeated Jack.

"Yes. It is not far below. The river runs through this wood—you can hear it now."

YOUNG QUIZ



- 1 Which came first: the telephone or the aeroplane?
- 2 Can you name the Four Evangelists?
- 3 Ceylon is a British colony, dominion, or republic?
- 4 Which is England's longest river?
- 5 What is the capital of Iceland?
- 6 Which is England's only poisonous snake?
- 7 Corpulent means fat, fair, or fine?
- 8 What is a pièce de résistance?

Answers on page 16

"I don't like the idea of you going to the power station," said Jack.

"Emil can lend me his son's skis. They will fit Robin. Then I—"

"You mean you'll bring them up, and we'll go back under our own steam?" said Jack.

"At least we could all get to the power station and shelter there. It has a telephone. If it does not snow again we could even go down the path to the village. It is an easy run."

"I think the snow's stopping," said Robin.

The snow stopped as suddenly as it had begun. As they looked out of the wood, the wind dropped and it got light again.

"I'll take your skis with me," said Junge. "Emil can adjust his son's to fit your boots."

"As long as you leave me my boots," said Robin. He looked farther into the wood. "There's the river—gosh, it's only a few yards away. And I say, there's a house!"

"Where?"

"Higher up—right on the bank."

Jack investigates

They could just see it through the trees. "It's an alp hut," Junge told them. "A cow house."

"You mean they keep cows?" asked Robin.

"In the summer, yes."

"Well, let's see if there's anyone at home," suggested Jack.

"There won't be," Junge shook her head. "At least, there shouldn't be. All these cow houses are locked up during the winter. But I didn't know there was one here. It must be new. And it's in a strange place—usually they are out in the meadows."

"I see what you mean," said Jack. "Husky was heading this way, wasn't he?"

She nodded.

"But I must go to the power station," she said. "Perhaps I can telephone to Rudi from there."

"Yes, that's right. And say that if it snows again before we can make it, we'll try the cow house for shelter for the night."

They watched Junge set off, carrying Robin's skis.

"I say," said Robin, "what's that humming noise?"

Jack listened for a moment. "The dynamo," he said. "The power station must be closer than we thought."

Robin walked a little farther into the wood and listened again.

"It isn't, Jack," he said excitedly. "It's coming from above—from the cow house!"

Jack joined his brother, listened, and nodded.

"It is," he said. "That's why the place looks as if it's on the top of the river. Someone's running another dynamo off the same water." He made up his mind

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The Canberra library has a fine collection of Captain Cook relics, its most precious possession being the journal in his own handwriting of the voyage in the Endeavour, 1768-71. On this voyage he sailed round New Zealand and surveyed the eastern coast of Australia.

Other treasures include his letter book from 1771 to 1778, and the silver snuff box given to young Isaac Smith, who was the first man ashore at Botany Bay.

Most of the documents were bought 30 years ago from the trustees of H. W. F. Bolckow, of Marton Hall, in Yorkshire. It was on this estate that Captain Cook was born—in the labourer's cottage which was removed to Melbourne's Fitzroy Gardens, and is to be inspected by the Queen next February.

HER PET BADGER

Fourteen-year-old Avole Phoenix, who lives in the Lincolnshire village of Donington-on-Bain, has an unusual pet. For six months she has been the proud owner of Panda, a young badger.

Panda came in answer to a request Avole made to her father. Asking for a badger is one thing, and finding it is another; but Mr. Phoenix eventually heard of one which had been trapped on a farm in Northamptonshire.

Panda was quite fierce when he arrived, but kind, careful treatment soon remedied that, and now he is as tame as a dog and follows Avole through the village without a lead.

Given the slightest chance, he would go with her to school, but he is kept locked up to prevent this, and has to be content with sleeping during school hours.

DANGER MOUNTAIN

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suddenly. "You stay here, Robin," he ordered. "I'm going to have a scout round. If anyone comes, get behind a tree."

"Why can't I—"

"Because you haven't got any skis. I'll only be a minute, anyway."

There was a clear stretch of snow running down on both sides of the river, and Jack approached the chalet cautiously. He could almost feel the throb of the dynamo.

The chalet was built of wood, and the walls were simply rough logs. There did not seem to be any windows, and the building appeared to be completely blacked out.

He walked farther along the side. Then he drew in a quick breath as he saw a small shaft of light, low down in the wall and near the other end of the chalet. He squatted down and peered in.

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With only small areas of land available, dairy farming in Guernsey is not easy. The biggest herd in Guernsey numbers only 51, and the average farmer has six cows.

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grassland, cattle are tethered, and moved three times a day to fresh grass. For most of the year they stay in the fields at night, frost and snow being almost unknown.

Milking is done in the open, the farmer driving across the fields to the cows. Milk is collected and pasteurised in a communal dairy, but is not bottled. People still come to market with their jugs.

Milk cans of a design which reached the island in 1980, are still used. The Guernsey can has a spherical body with a small neck to prevent the milk slopping. Even tiny cream jugs are of the same pattern.

Guernsey's wedding gift to the Queen was a set of six silver-plated Guernsey cans.

STAMP NEWS

A NEW set of stamps ranging in value from 1d. to £1 has been issued in Bermuda. The words **Royal Visit** 1953 are engraved on the 6d. value (pictured here) to mark the visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.



It is just 100 years since the electric telegraph was introduced in Sweden, and the occasion is marked by three stamps. Another Swedish pair, on sale early next year, will commemorate the World Ski Championships.

To commemorate the first 100 years of anaglyph (superimposing an image in red over one in blue to secure a stereoscopic effect) Italy is to issue a set of "three-dimensional" stamps, which will have to be viewed through red and blue glasses.

FINLAND has a new set of stamps in aid of a tuberculosis fund. They depict animals of the forest.

NEWS of stamp centenaries comes from Chile, where two commemoration stamps have been issued, and from the Philippine Republic, where six stamps are to be issued next Spring.

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QUIZ!

1. CAN YOU TELL THE TIME BY THIS CLOCK?
— SEEN HERE IN A MIRROR?
2. WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS CALENDAR?
3. NAME THIS LEAF—IS IT OAK, CHESTNUT, ELM OR ASH?
4. READ THESE LETTERS IN A CERTAIN WAY TO FIND A WELL-KNOWN SAYING
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5. HOW MANY TRIANGLES OF ALL SIZES, HERE?
6. IS THIS THE SHADOW OF A BIRD?
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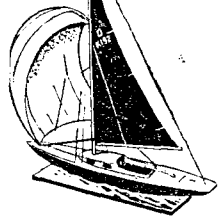
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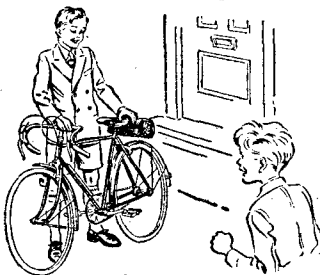
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STAMP STORIES No. 6

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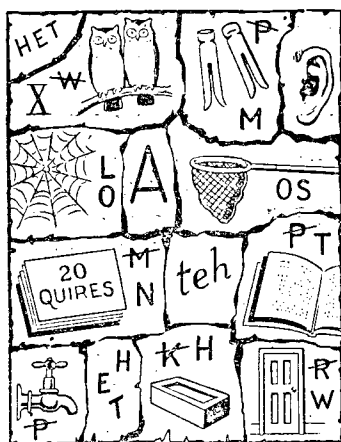
"Oh, dear!" groaned the first shipwrecked sailor. "Isn't it lonely? We're worse off than Robinson Crusoe."

"No, we're not," replied the other.

"Yes, we are," said the first sailor. "There was only one of him. There are two of us, so we are twice as lonely."

Can you...

... find out what words are represented by the pictures on these torn scraps of paper? When completed they will form a message.



Answer next week

COOKING HINT

JIMMY cast a bewildered glance at the spluttering, smoking, yellow mass in the frying pan and then turned back to the recipe book.

"It says I'm to beat it," he mused. "I think I'd better, before Mother gets back."

On this day...

ONCE a fisherman and a disciple of John the Baptist, Andrew of Bethsaida in Galilee was Simon Peter's brother. He later preached the Gospel in Scythia, Thrace, and Greece, where he was martyred on an X-shaped cross, which was adopted as his emblem.

Because it is said that his body was brought to the spot where St. Andrew's now stands, St. Andrew became the patron of Scotland. He is commemorated each year on November 30.

Find another

CAN you take one letter from each of the following animals to make another animal of the countryside?

Rabbit, Hare, Stoat, Vole, Hedgehog, Otter. Answer next week

No need to worry

"JOHNNY! Fetch the doctor quickly. Baby has swallowed one of your marbles."

"Oh, that's all right. I've got plenty more."

JACKO FLIES THROUGH THE AIR AND LANDS IN TROUBLE



Jacko's latest idea was to have his own private gymnasium.



It would have been great fun—if the hooks in the ceiling had held.



As usual, Adolphus appeared at just the wrong moment.

Grand finale

DOROTHY had patiently sat through a long opera. The last scene was being played and the entire cast began the final chorus.

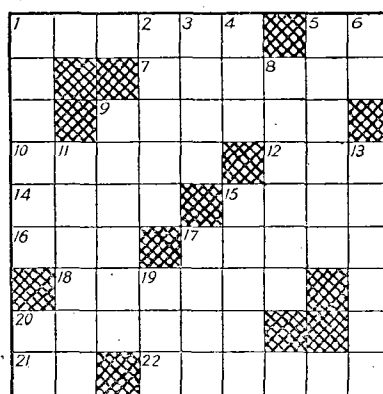
"Mummy," asked Dorothy, "are they singing together because it's getting late?"

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Frightened. 5 Editor. 7 Animal with pink eyes and white skin. 9 Divide into two. 10 Eliminate. 12 Anger. 14 Message. 15 Study. 16 Small child. 17 Aids. 18 Firmly fastened. 20 Tough. 21 Outsize. 22 Plain in Russia.

READING DOWN. 1 Quiet. 2 Lift. 3 Alternative. 4 Dame of the British Empire. 5 Ensnare. 6 Perform. 8 Frozen drop of water. 9 Strike repeatedly. 11 Perching places. 13 Make certain. 15 Worst material. 17 Seck. 19 Type of lettuce. 20 Thush.

Answer next week



Answer next week

What word...

... increases its weight by losing two letters?

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Eating humble pie

VENISON, the flesh of deer, was in former days served only to the Lord of the Manor and his guests.

The servants had to be content with a pie made from the heart and liver of the deer—the 'Umbles, as they were known. Hence to eat 'umble pie meant that one considered oneself lowly, or humble in estate.

YOUNG QUIZ—answers

- 1 The telephone.
- 2 Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- 3 Dominion.
- 4 The Thames.
- 5 Reykjavik.
- 6 Adder or viper.
- 7 Fat.
- 8 The main attraction.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Postman's problem. Miss Rose Underwood. 70 Overland Square, Anglesea. Countries in hiding. Sweden, Siam, Germany, America, New Zealand.

BEDTIME CORNER

Mr Portly and Miss Parker

MR. PORTLY was miserable. The owners of both Tinkle and Snowball had gone to live elsewhere and had taken their pets with them. Penny's people had moved, too.

Soon he began to mope and get fat for lack of exercise. He even went off his food.

Then one day Christopher came racing in, crying: "There's a notice beside the pillar box saying that someone in the next road has found a stray kitten. Could we adopt her as Mr. Portly's playmate?"

"But he would hate another cat living here permanently," Mummy objected.

However, when no one claimed the kitten, Mummy said they might adopt her.

She was a half-grown brown and black tabby with a comical, mischievous face, and Ann was told that she was a "terrible Nosy Parker!"

"Then we'll call her 'Miss Parker,'" she said, laughing.

When Mr. Portly saw Miss Parker sitting in the playroom he decided she was another of Ann's friend's cats come to stay

while her mistress was away, and he advanced to touch noses in friendship.

But Miss Parker flattened her ears, squealed at Mr. Portly, and dashed downstairs.

Very annoyed, he dashed after her, and chased her into the garden. And so it went on each time they met indoors that day, and on the following day the same thing happened.

But the second night Mr. Portly enjoyed his supper and even asked for more. "The exercise is doing him good, anyway," said Mummy.

Then, next evening, when Ann was nursing Mr. Portly, Miss Parker crept into the room, climbed

up the back of Ann's chair and sat on her shoulder. Ann held her breath as the two cats stared hard at each other.

Then both went to sleep!

Presently down jumped Mr. Portly and went to the door. Down jumped Miss Parker, too, and followed him. And at the door they touched noses in a friendly way.

In a week they were real friends. Mr. Portly was full of beans again. JANE THORNICROFT



Safety precaution

"WOULD you care to pay in advance, sir?" asked the boatman. "This punt leaks a bit."

JUMBLE QUIZ

To find the answer to each clue, rearrange the anagrams in brackets after the clue. Each solution starts with the letter A.

1 Picturesque old Sussex town with one of the most imposing castles in Britain, the seat of the Duke of Norfolk. (AND RULE)

2. English author (1672-1719) remembered mainly for his essays, particularly those which appeared in The Spectator. (SAID NOD)

3. Greek mathematician and engineer (287-212 B.C.); one of his discoveries, about the volume of water displaced by a floating body, is said to have occurred to him in his bath. (CRIED SHAME)

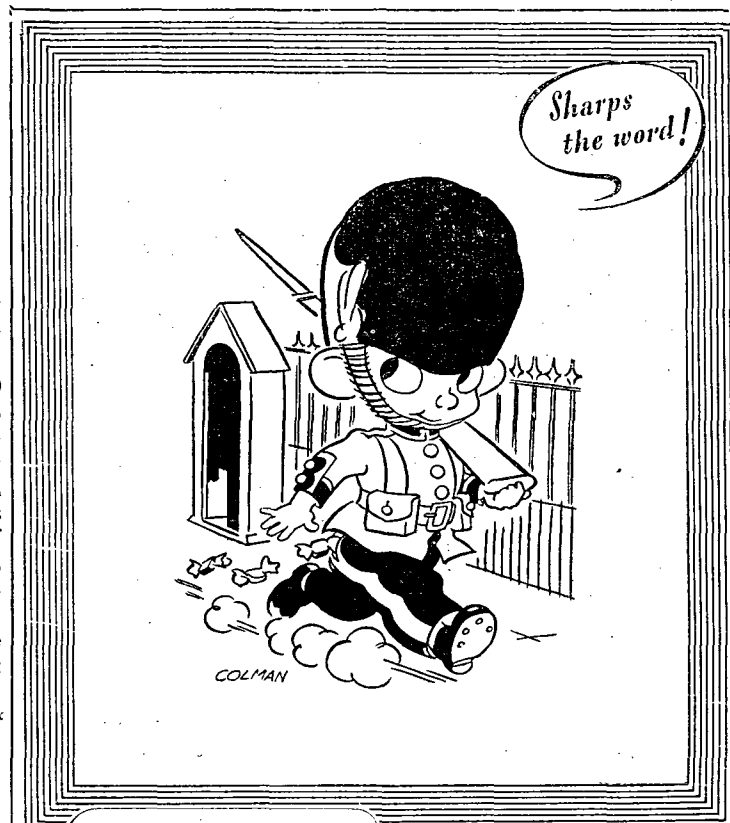
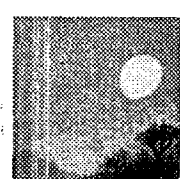
4. South American republic; one of the world's great cattle-breeding countries. (GREAT NINE)

Answer next week

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Jupiter is in the south-east. In the morning

Venus, Mars, and Saturn are in the south-east. The picture shows the Moon as it will appear at 7 o'clock on Wednesday morning, November 25.



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